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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

We had a hard winter with a late spring. But the flowers are blooming and the birds are singing with the first day of summer fast approaching: 21 June, which also happens to be the date for the NASIC AA picnic. The members have been busy getting all of the activities planned and scheduled for this year. If you have not submitted your 2014 dues, please do so as we use the money for student scholarships. The A. Francis Arcier Scholarship awards have been completed. All applicants were exceptional students, making it difficult to choose. Thanks to Dick for the web updates and Bill for keeping us all updated with e-mails. Contributions to the scholarship fund can be made to place a name on the NASIC Alumni Memorial Plaque. The Annual NASIC AA meeting is at the WPAFB Twin Base Golf Course restaurant at 0800 on 24 October. We are looking forward to seeing you at our planned events.

NITA LEWIS, President, NASIC AA

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2014 EVENT CALENDAR

- 18 Jun - Wall of Honor nominee Suspense (names only)
- 21 Jun - NASIC AA Picnic
- 18 Jul - Wall of Honor completed pkg Suspense
- 14 Aug - NASIC Awards Luncheon
- 10 Sep - NASIC AA Arcier Golf Outing
- 17 Sep - Jim Caldwell's Hack 'n' Whack Golf Outing
- 24 Oct - Annual NASIC AA Meeting Twin Base @0800

Membership Report- 4 June 2014

1. Membership Status Update:

	5-Feb-13	18-Nov-13	4-Jun-14
Status of Members			
Active members in database	617	583	594
Inactive members (status unknown)	45	26	21
Deceased members	115	135	158
Communications Status			
Number of members who have provided email addresses	341	412	427
Number of members who we have to contact via snail mail	276	171	167
Dues Status			
Number of Lifetime Members		5	58
Number of Lifetime Members over 80 (no dues required!)			27
New members in 2014 to date			19
Numbers of members who have paid their dues for 2014 and beyond			202
Number of members with dues paid up through 2013	90	217	72
Number of members with dues paid up through 2012	22	15	9
Number of members with dues paid up through 2011	49	23	19
Number of members with dues paid up through 2010	63	35	27
Number of members who have not paid dues since 2009 or earlier	393	293	254
Number of members with no record of payment	11	11	11

- *Some of the changes reflected above are due to updates and corrections in our database, rather than actual membership status changes. We are grateful to members who have responded to our requests for updated status and contact information.*

2. Deceased: Names provided to us for those who have passed during the past year:

Members who have passed on during the past year	Date
BOWDRY, Joy F (Joy)	21-Apr-2013
DAVIDSON, Fizell	31-Oct-2013
EVANS, Robert L. "Bob"	28-Oct-2013
GRAHAM, Oscar D (OD)	23-Jan-2014
GROLLMUS, Robert w (Bob)	17-Feb-2014
HOSIER, Alma G. (Jerri)	17-Jun-2013
KEETON, Ruby L (Ruby)	15-Sep-2013
KNIGHTEN (Majewski), Jean Ann (Jean)	16-Mar-2014
KUMBUSKY, Frank C (Frank)	18-Feb-2014
MCNEILL, John C (John)	9-May-2013
MONNIN, Barbara (Wife of Alumni Frank Monnin)	5-Feb-2014
PEARSALL Kenneth F (Ken)	26-Nov-2013
RICHARDS, David (Dave)	9-Jan-2014
SHAFER Sr., Thomas Russell (Tom)	19-Oct-2013
SUCKOW, David C (Dave)	15-Apr-2013
WAGNER, Richard F (Dick)	17-Feb-2014
WALSH, James J (JJ)	9-Dec-2013
WARNER, Nadine L (Nadine)	26-Apr-2013

- ### 3. Membership Roster Status:
- Latest update emailed to membership on 15 Apr 2014. Hard copy included with mailed June 2014 newsletter.

4. Membership Dues: Due by 1 Jan 2014. To enroll/submit dues, please do the following:

- a. Go to this website: <http://www.nasicaa.org/membership.html>
- b. Complete the enrollment/renewal form
 - Please note that as of 1 Jan 2014, dues are now \$10.00/year.
 - Also please note that we now have a Lifetime Membership program; details are on the enrollment/renewal form.
- c. Send your enrollment/renewal form and check to:
NASIC Alumni Association
PO Box 84
Fairborn, OH 45324-0084

5. Member Status Update:

Update on Richard (Dick) Frederick; Request for Get-Well Cards from Susie Frederick as Dick is not doing well following treatment for prostate cancer. Richard has now been diagnosed with Lewy Disease. That is part Parkinson and Dementia. He loves getting Get Well cards. Dick and Susie's address is: 15116 East Zapata Drive Fountain Hills AZ 85268

6. Contact Information Updates: Please provide updates to your contact information to Bill Setchell as follows: Email: jsetchell@woh.rr.com Cell: 937-479-9202

Best regards,

James F (Bill) Setchell, Vice-President, NASIC AA Membership

CY 2013 Annual Financial Report

Starting Balance (1 January 2013)		\$10,642.04
INCOME		
Dues	\$2,640.50	
Annual Meeting	\$1,245.00	
Scholarship Fund Donations	\$4,463.50	
Golf Tournament	\$10,080.00	
Annual Picnic	\$152.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,581.00	
EXPENSE		
PO Box Fee		\$60.00
Postage		\$68.12
Web Support		\$85.81
Annual Meeting		\$1,368.00
Scholarships		\$8,750.00
Golf Tournament		\$4,556.00
Annual Picnic		\$669.92
Misc Picnic		\$15.50
Hack & Wack Exp		\$104.00
Printing		\$86.62
Engraving		\$20.00
Scholarships Luncheon		\$816.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$16,599.97
Annual Operating Balance		\$1,981.03
Account Balance (31 December 2013)		\$12,623.07

NASIC HIGHLIGHTS

(Contributed by Larry Benson)

Force Reductions – NASIC is not immune to all the issues you see in the press concerning declining DOD and Air Force budgets. These are hitting the accounts for military and civilian personnel. Selective Early Retirement Boards, Voluntary Early Separation Boards and Voluntary Separation Incentives are among the hot topics for the military. Comparable programs driven by incentives are being applied to reduce the cost of the civilian workforce. The complexities of these reduction programs are not for discussion here, but you can assume they will be with us for a while and will be impacting your friends and co-workers who are still on board. The first major exodus has just occurred and saw some 80 civilian employees leave. Their positions must remain unfilled for at least six months and if they are filled, it will likely be at a lower grade.

Air Force Reorganization – Driven significantly by the budget woes, the Air Force is about to announce a major reorganization. Commands will go and flag officers will go. The result will be a reduction of some 30,000 military personnel with 17,000 coming in the near term. Although details are yet to be revealed, it appears that this time NASIC will not escape. The most likely scenario is one that will see the parent AF ISR Agency in San Antonio become a numbered AF under Air Combat Command. Rather than moving NASIC, a nationally resourced organization, one level down in its new AF chain-of-command, one headed by a combatant command, it will become a Field Operating Agency (FOA) reporting directly to the Air Staff. There is considerable oversight being applied to the AF reorganization by Congress and the FOA option was a direct response to the Ohio House delegation's hold on the entire AF reorganization until they were assured NASIC was properly protected.

Future NASIC AA Proposal – Colonel Prupas encouraged us to take a good look at enhancing our Association sustainability by opening membership to the active workforce. The concept is simple. Those who choose to become members while still working will almost certainly become active retired alumni. While we will not go into options of details here, you will be provided with a concept of operations by the October annual business meeting. The Commander gained his perspective on this concept while commanding AFTAC where provision for the active force has proved to be a major contributor to the vitality of their organization for several years. More to come on this action.

Key Personnel Changes – Key Personnel Changes – Many of you are already aware, thanks to Bill Setchell's timely event reporting, that Colonel Aaron Prupas relinquished command to Colonel Leah Lauderback on 28 May. Colonel Prupas has been a staunch supporter on the NASIC AA during his two year assignment as the leader of some 3,000 personnel. As he heads for the Pentagon, Colonel Lauderback will arrive from San Antonio where she has commanded a Cyberspace Operations Group, in fact, the only worldwide offensive cyber operations organization in the Air Force. We can expect that she will have a pretty thorough understanding of personal communications methods! She will also have firsthand knowledge of NASIC's predecessor, FTD, and the Dayton area. Her Father, Wayne, will be familiar to many from his years as a foreign missile systems engineer in the 70s and early 80s before he departed to work for NRO in Washington. Colonel Lauderback's baptism was rapid as, due to the Chief's CORONA session at Wright-Patterson the first week of June, NASIC hosts the Secretary of the AF, the Chief, several 4-stars and a number of other senior AF leaders.

The NASIC Chief Scientist over the last eight years, Gary O'Connell, retired on 4 April; Curt Rowland is filling in while the replacement selection process begins. Another senior executive, Lee Fuell, has announced his plans to retire from the Space and Missiles Group on 27 June. In new senior executive actions, Steve Hayden is to be congratulated on his recent selection to fill the Global Exploitation Technical Director position vacated last year by our alumnus, Aurea Rivera.

NASIC Change of Command Ceremony

(Contributed by Bill Setchell)

On 28 May, my wife Judy and I had the privilege of attending the NASIC Change of Command ceremony in which the current Commander, Colonel Aaron M Prupas transferred command of the National Air and Space Intelligence Center to Col Leah G Lauderback. This impressive ceremony was conducted in the National Museum of the Air Force at WPAFB, OH, and was followed by a reception at what many of us used to call the Officer's Club (now called the Wright-Patt Club). The Presiding Officer was Major General John N. T. Shanahan, Commander, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency (AFISRA), which is located at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. Also in attendance were Col Lauderback's parents, Wayne and Gaye Lauderback; Col Lauderback's spouse Brenda and Brenda's son; Col Lauderback's sister Dawn and her family; a number of USAF, congressional, and local dignitaries; and an enormous contingent from the NASIC workforce.

On a personal note, Wayne and I had worked together back in the 70s and 80s at FTD, and it was so very good to see Wayne and Gaye and their family again. It was also great to see other old friends from those days at the Change of Command ceremony, to include Bob and Betty Kates, John Ganger, Warren Craig, and Wayne and Rosalyn Zwart.

Leah was only 12 years old when the Lauderback family moved from their home in Centerville OH to the DC area. I ran across her from time to time during my TDYs, (Ramstein AB when she was a 1st Lt and again at USPACOM (Camp Smith, Hawaii) when she was a LtCol). It was good to see her "back home" again, but who might have imagined that the little girl who left here in 1984 would return as the NASIC Commander.

Following the Change of Command ceremony 28 May, Col Lauderback emailed the following notice to the NASIC men and women:

This morning I was honored to take command of NASIC and I want to personally thank everyone who had a part in making this event successful. I would also like to thank everyone who has warmly welcomed Brenda and me during the transition to Wright-Patterson - we could not be more excited to be here!

As some may know, my father worked here at FTD many years ago and thus I grew up in Beavercreek and Centerville. Some of my fondest childhood memories include my parents' wonderful FTD friends, a few who were my soccer coaches, babysitters, or just great people with whom my parents socialized. Coming back to NASIC is both personally and professionally meaningful to me. Personally, I get a chance to visit with some of these lifelong friends in Dayton as well as my aunts, uncles and cousins who are scattered from Columbus to Kettering. Professionally I get to work with you - an amazing group of men and women who bring a capability to our core Air Force missions that exists no place else. This is such a treat for me, given that I've used your expertise my entire career as an intelligence officer, and now I can see you at work - bringing your intellect, experience, and innovativeness to solve complex problems and deliver intelligence to our national and Air Force leaders.

Thank you again for the warm reception! I look forward to working with each of you over the next two years!

NASIC AA Annual Picnic, 21 Jun 2014 from 1030:1400 Rotary Park, Beavercreek

Jim Caldwell has organized another great picnic for all of us, our families, and our friends who live in (or happen to be visiting) the local Dayton area. A special invitation is extended to all of our new members who joined us during 2014. The NASIC AA Picnic flyer is located on the NASIC AA website.

When: Saturday, 21 Jun 2014 from 1030-1400 (eat at 1200)

Cost: \$5.00 registration fee per person

Food: Catered barbecue from Woody's of Beavercreek: Smoked chicken on the bone, pulled pork, BBQ beans and macaroni & cheese. Dessert: banana pudding. Refreshments: Soft drinks & bottled H2O.

Where: Same place as last year. Rotary Park, 2260 Dayton-Xenia Rd, Beavercreek. Rotary Park is located on left when eastbound about two blocks east of Beaver Valley Road. From US 35, north of Factory Road; right on Dayton-Xenia Road; about one half mile east. There are excellent directions on the web just by entering the park name and Beavercreek, OH.

Suspense: 16 Jun 2014. Please let us know if you are coming not later than 16 Jun 2014, as we need to get a good count to the caterer by that date. If you do sign up, and then find out that you need to cancel, please let us know as soon as possible...just call me at 937-479-9202 and leave a message, even if it is after 16 Jun.

How to sign up:

1. Email Response. Please respond via email to Bill Setchell (jsetchell@woh.rr.com) with the names of the folks who are coming as soon as you can; that way I can forward the names to those running the picnic for us so they can get a good estimate to the caterer. You can update that estimate as you need to at any time.
2. Mail in picnic Registration form and a check with "PICNIC" annotated on the envelope to the following not later than 16 Jun 2014: NASIC Alumni Association P.O. Box 84 Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Include your check for \$5.00 per person made out to "NASIC Alumni Association."

*** NOTE: If you have a problem with the attachment (or just do not want to mess with it), no worries. Just email Bill (jsetchell@woh.rr.com) the names of those who are coming (Alumni, family, and friends) not later than 16 Jun and simply bring a check or cash to cover your group to the picnic.

Arcier Scholarship Winners for 2014

Ms. Aurea Rivera stepped in earlier this year to take over the leadership role for the A. Francis Arcier Scholarship awards selection committee. The NASIC Alumni Association received 29 nominees, of which 21 were selected to receive scholarships. The formal announcement of the awards and presentation of the scholarships will occur at NASIC's annual Awards Luncheon which is currently scheduled for 14 Aug 2014. Thanks to membership contributions, the total amount awarded this year was \$9600.

The recipients are:

Albrecht, Emily	Apisa, Christianna	Arana, Neil	Brandt, Alexander
Braun, Nicholas	Chu, Michael	Cleary, Sean	Donnelly, James
Geraci, Eric	Jelinek, Kiali	Keller-Biehl, Alex	Kennedy, Sabina
McLaughlin, Elea	Parker, Emily	Piatka, Jamison	Romine, Benjamin
Schalle, Naomi	Schneider, Caitlin	Soulati, Hailey	Trimbach, Alexander
Wright, Amanda			

2014
National Air and Space Intelligence Center Alumni Association
Scholarship Open



What: NASIC AA Open Golf Outing to benefit the NASIC AA Scholarship Fund

Where: WPAFB Twin Base (Civilian) Golf Course

When: 10 Sept 2014, Shotgun start at 0900, registration begins at 0800

Who: Open to all personnel—military, civilian, contractors, retirees, etc

Why: To have fun and donate proceeds to the NASIC AA Scholarship Fund
(Awarded \$9600 to NASIC family students in Spring 2014)

Cost: \$50.00/person for golf, cart, prizes, drinks, food, fun, fund donation
(Non-golfers: \$20.00 for food, drinks, door prizes, fund donation)

Mulligans: 2 for \$5, limit of 4 per person

String: \$1 per foot, limit 8 feet per team

Rules: Best ball scramble, must use at least 1 drive of each person/team.

All Participants will get a door prize.

If you are interested in participating in the Open, donating prizes, or sponsoring a hole, please contact Wayne Wolfe at 429-6230, or e-mail h.wolfe@ngc.com; Greg O'Brien/NASIC/SCN at 257-2478 or email gregory.obrien@wpafb.af.mil; Bill Brickley NASIC/SCVS at 257-0902 or email william.brickley@wpafb.af.mil; Jimmy Caldwell at 236-3601 or email jdcaldwell0919@aol.com; or John Crispino at 323-5811 or e-mail crispino@prodigy.net. Twin Base Course is located off of Route 444 west of Area A.

2014 HACK 'n' WHACK GOLF OUTING

The Hack 'n' Whack golf outing is only for NASIC alumni members and selected guests and will be played on the 17th of September (this is a Wednesday). The cost for Hack 'n' Whack is just \$40 (green fee, cart, and prizes) and will be played at Prairie Ttrace (WPAFB military course). Free coffee and donuts will be available at 0800. We will be playing "best ball" format and have a shotgun start at 0850. Entry fees will be cheerfully refunded until 0830 on the 17th. Contact Jim Caldwell at 937-236-3601 or e-mail him at jdcaldwell0919@aol.com.

NASIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The NASIC Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting for all members on 24 October 2014 at the WPAFB Twin Base Golf course restaurant beginning at 0800.

NASIC ALUMNI MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The NASIC Alumni Memorial Plaque was established in 1999. It was established to generate funds for the Alex Francis Arcier Scholarship Award. This award is named in honor of FTD's first Chief Scientist. A monetary award is presented to deserving students furthering their undergraduate education. A contribution of \$150.00 is required. All money contributed is used to fund scholarships. The memorial plaque is one way to recognize the life and career of our family members, friends and co-workers. We encourage you to use this plaque to keep a lifetime of memories ever present. Contributions can be an individual or group effort. The Alumni Memorial Plaque hangs in the atrium of the NASIC Intelligence Production Center, near the entrance to the auditorium. With a minimum donation to the NASIC AA Scholarship Fund, you can honor a deceased member of our professional family by having an engraved name plate added to the plaque. Please contact Mrs. Shirley Harris (saharris43@aol.com) for details.

WALL OF HONOR NOMINATION

- ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Any former civilian or military employee whose career with NASIC deserves recognition is eligible to be selected for placement on the Wall of Honor.
- A "former" employee is defined as any individual who separated or retired from US Government service before 1 Jul of the current award period.
- Normally, for the purposes of this award, a career would be at least 15 years of federal service, with at least 30 months spent at NASIC.
- Any individual previously selected as a Watson Award winner was automatically placed on the NASIC Wall of Honor upon their separation or retirement from US Government service.

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National Air and Space Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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The NASIC Alumni Association (NASICAA) is an association of both retired and active personnel from the past and present Intelligence organizations T2, ATIC, FTD, FASTC, and NAIC, whose purpose is to keep alive the functioning, needs, and effectiveness of NASIC, and to aid in perpetuating these assets to assure the continued quality in the future.